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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

**Robert S. Hargraves**

*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:*

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying bill:

**An Act Regarding Parental Notification and Consent.**

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Robert S. Hargraves

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

1st Middlesex

# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

## AN ACT REGARDING PARENTAL NOTIFICATION AND CONSENT.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

*Section 1. Chapter 71, Section 32A of the General Laws is hereby amended and Section 32B added, to be the following:*

### *Section 32B Parental Notification and Consent*

- 1 Every city, town, regional school district or vocational school district presenting, implementing, or  
2 maintaining a school program which involves human sexual education, human sexuality issues or  
3 alternative sexual behavior shall adopt and implement a written policy ensuring parental/guardian  
4 notification of such school programs and a description of their content.
- 5 All such school programs shall be offered only in clearly identified non-mandatory elective courses or  
6 activities in which parents or guardians may choose to enroll their children through written notification to  
7 the school, in a manner reasonably similar to other elective courses or activities offered by the school  
8 district.
- 9 To the extent practicable, instruction materials and related items for said school programs, including  
10 access to related extra-curricular events, shall be made reasonably available to parents, guardians,  
11 educators, school administrators, and others for inspection and review.
- 12 No public school teacher or administrator shall be required to participate in any such school programs that  
13 violate his religious beliefs.